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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 29, 2005

As part of the Sheriff's early release policy, we need a better understanding regarding any allowances for flexibility or discretion with regard to not treating all non-violent misdemeanor inmates the same in determining how much of their sentence is served. Known gang members that violate court-imposed gang-injunctions is one glaring example of when non-violent misdemeanants should not be released after only serving 10% of their sentence. Gang-injunctions have proven to be effective tools in fighting gang violence and preventing more serious future gang crimes from being committed. This effectiveness, however, is being diminished under the current formula utilized by the Sheriff to determine inmates qualifying for his early release program. Although this Board allocated the equivalent of \$24 million to the Sheriff last December to slow the early release of inmates, the funding has not yet had the desired impact in adding beds back into the system fast enough to significantly increase the length of stay for certain non-violent misdemeanors. While the Sheriff is attempting to add jail beds back into the system as fast as possible, I do not, in the interim time, believe it is

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appropriate that gang-injunction violators be released after only serving 10% of their sentence.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT request the Sheriff to report back to the Board in 30 days regarding the potential, on a case-by-case basis, of gang-injunction misdemeanants serving more of their court imposed sentence.

I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT request the Sheriff to meet with the City of Long Beach Prosecutor to discuss the potential of alleviating the early release of gang members that are sentenced for violating City of Long Beach gang injunctions.

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April 28, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**INMATES CONVICTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT - GANG INJUNCTION
AND PERCENTAGE RELEASE TIME SERVED**

On March 29, 2005, your Board requested a report on the potential for gang injunction misdemeanants to serve more of their court imposed sentences. Additionally, your Board directed the Department to meet with the City of Long Beach prosecutor to alleviate the early release of gang members who are sentenced for violating court imposed gang injunctions.

The Department's Inmate Reception Center, using a manual process, has identified a small number of inmates sentenced for violating a contempt of court gang injunction. After their identification, they will be disqualified from the Early Release Program and required to serve 100 percent of their sentence in the County jail system. The superior court has been requested to assist in identifying future inmates sentenced under a contempt of court gang injunction violation.

The prosecutor for the City of Long Beach has been contacted and is satisfied with our efforts. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Chief Marc L. Klugman, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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